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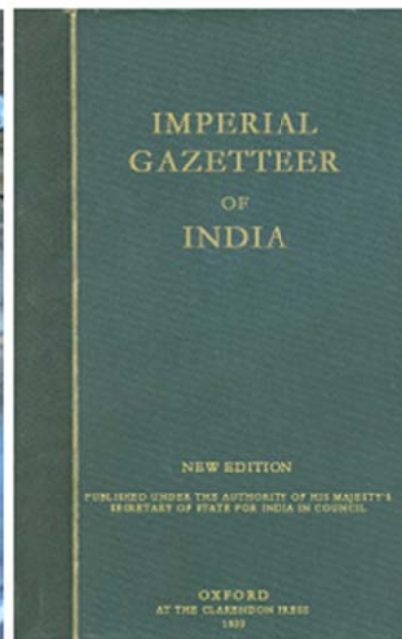
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Norden Division

News from the Norden Division Meeting in New York, April 29, 2014

This year's Norden Division Meeting was held in New York on 29 April, in conjunction with the 28th UNGEGN Session. Of items discussed at the meeting was the status of the Norden Division homepage, as well as the implementation of INSPIRE and EuroGeoNames services and the establishment of a minority language geographical names database.

Next Norden Division Meeting

The next Norden Division Meeting is still being planned. However, there was a general acceptance at the meeting to try and hold the next meeting in Kárášjohka/Karasjok in Northern Norway, preferably in August. Kárášjohka/Karasjok is the centre for Sámi culture in Norway, and the Norden Division is very much looking forward to visiting this part of Norway.

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Romano-Hellenic Division

Meeting of Romano-Hellenic Division and International scientific symposium in Italy

The Italian Geographic Military Institute and the Tuscany Region will organize in spring 2015, the next meeting of Romano-Hellenic Division (RHD) of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNEGN) and the International scientific symposium "Place names as intangible cultural heritage".

Meeting of RHD

The meeting of RHD will take place in Florence [Firenze], Italy [Italia], from 25-27 March 2015 on "Status of national standardization of geographical names in the Romano-Hellenic area".

All the distinguished experts of RHD (Andorra, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, France, Greece, Holy See, Luxembourg, Moldova, Monaco, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey) are invited to participate and to present their national reports.

Documents for the meeting may be e-mailed to the chairman of the RHD (see addresses below) by 16 January 2015.

Portuguese-speaking Division

Aiming at improving and facilitating the standardization of geographical names in Portuguese-speaking countries, The Reference Center on Geographic Names (CRNG) of the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) is glad to announce the publication of the Portuguese translation of the UNGEGN document "Resolutions Adopted at the Tenth United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names".

The translation is available at the UNGEGN site at

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNEGN/docs/RESOLU%C3%87%C3%95ES%20ADOTADAS%20NAS%20DEZ%20CONFER%C3%84NCIAS%20DO%20UNEGN_trad.pdf

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International scientific symposium

In conjunction with the meeting of RHD an International scientific symposium will take place still in Florence, from 26-27 March 2015, on "Place names as intangible cultural heritage".

Experts on geographical names, historians, geographers and cartographers are cordially invited to take part to the symposium. Participation is free of charge.

Topics of the symposium are: preservation of the toponymic heritage, historical maps and toponymy, *genius loci* and identity, etymological studies, place names of historical linguistic minority, vernacular place names, new toponyms, cartography and toponymy, role of names authorities.

Announcement of papers and submission of abstracts (max. 400 words) may be e-mailed to the chairman of the RHD (see e-mail addresses below) by 28 November 2014.

Paper may be e-mailed to the same e-mail addresses by 16 January 2015.

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